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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

MERRIMACK MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL WEAPONS CHARGES

Re: United States v. Timothy Deichler

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, Merrimack Police Chief William Mulligan and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins announce that Timothy DEICHLER, DOB 1/10/79, of Merrimack, NH was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Concord today on the charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

At today's sentencing, U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. imposed a sentence of 21 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which DEICHLER's behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation. On August 20, 2003, DEICHLER surrendered to U.S. Marshals at the federal courthouse in Concord and appeared in the U.S. District Court. He has been detained without bail since that time.

The Criminal Complaint against DEICHLER, issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead in August, 2003, alleged that DEICHLER, who was convicted of negligent homicide in 1997 in connection with the death of his infant daughter, illegally possessed a German TG Knox, TN 98K, 8mm bolt action rifle and several rounds of ammunition at his Merrimack home in April, 2003. Federal law prohibits convicted felons from purchasing or possessing firearms and ammunition.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "This case exemplifies this Office's commitment to aggressive prosecution of the federal firearms laws as mandated by Attorney General Ashcroft's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" initiative. Keeping firearms out of the hands of convicted felons is one of our main objectives. This office will continue to vigorously enforce the federal firearms laws as we implement Project Safe Neighborhoods in the District of New Hampshire."

“The case is also a testament to the Merrimack Police Department’s vigilance in monitoring the behavior of a convicted felon in Merrimack. The swift cooperative efforts of the Merrimack Police and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this and other cases have made New Hampshire a safer place to live.”

The case against DEICHLER, part of the Department of Justice’s “Project Safe Neighborhoods” (PSN) initiative, resulted from an investigation conducted by the Merrimack Police Department and U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.